

REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue Application of:

Tsutomu SHIGA et al.

Serial No.: Reissue Application of U.S. Patent No. 5,760,485 issued June 2, 1998
(U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/600,991 -- U.S. National Stage of PCT
Application No. PCT/JP94/02166 filed December 19, 1994)

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REISSUE DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, Tsutomu SHIGA, Nobuyuki HAYASHI, Masanori OHMI and Sadayoshi

KAJINO, hereby declare that:

1. We are each citizens of Japan with the addresses as stated below next to our respective names.
2. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by the amendments set forth in this reissue application.
3. We believe that we are the first and original inventors of the invention described and claimed in the reissue application and in U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,760,485, which issued from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/600,991, which in turn was the U.S. National Stage of PCT Application No. PCT/JP94/02166 filed December 19, 1994.
4. We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with 37 C.F.R §1.56(a).

6. We consider U.S. Patent No. 5,760,485 to be partly inoperative by reason of claiming less than we had a right to claim. For example, the current claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,760,485 do not recite the rated output of the starter, as disclosed at column 6, lines 17-21 of U.S. Patent No. 5,760,485, and presented in the added claims.

7. All errors being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on our part.

8. We hereby revoke all prior powers of attorney and appoint the following as our attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office:

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9. We have reviewed and understand the contents of this reissue declaration, and all statements made herein of our knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent reissued thereon.

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